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January 8, 1962

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met on Monday afternoon, January 8, 1962, at the new location of the Dunbar Branch Library, 196 W. Washington.

Members present were: Troutman Wilson, Richard Bloodworth, Uly Gunn, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Miss Natalie Boccock, Mrs. Frank Dudley and Sarah Maret. Also present were the Negro Librarian, Pauline Cobb and the Library Consultant, Mrs. June Cawthon.

The Chairman gave a brief report as to how the library happened to move from its quarters on Reece Street to the present location. He reported that Mayor Wells had made the move possible by increasing the library's budget by \$600.00 from the city to take care of one-half of the added expenses incurred in rent. An additional \$600.00 would be sought from the Clarke County Commissioners to take care of the other half. He reported that rent for the building was \$150.00 per month. By giving up the Reece Street location, we would have \$30.00 per month to apply on the rent and by moving our property from the storage room on College Ave., we would have an additional \$25.00 per month. These moves, he reported, would more than take care of the added expense in having the library located at the Washington Street building.

It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mr. Gunn that the action taken by the Chairman in having the library moved be ratified by the Board. Motion was carried.

Mr. Gunn noted that the lighting was poor in the building and that some steps should be taken to improve it. He said that he had some light fixtures at his store which he would be glad to give to the library. Also he reported that the Board of Education had some children's tables and chairs which were not in use and he would see if the library might have these.

After looking over the new quarters, the Library Board voiced its approval of the moving of the Dunbar Library to this location.

*Sarah E. Maret*  
*Secretary*

May 21, 1962

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, May 21, 1962 at 5 p.m.

Members present were: Troutman Wilson, Richard Bloodworth, Uly Gunn, Thomas H. Milner, Jr., Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Mrs. Carlton James, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order. Minutes of the past two meetings were read and approved.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider the advisability of asking that a Negro Library Committee be appointed to work with the Dunbar Branch Library. No action was taken on the matter.

The Chairman explained that the Urban Renewal Program Chairman sought the wishes of the Board regarding the Regional Library building which is in the renewal area. After some discussion, Mr. Bloodworth moved that Chairman Wilson notify the Chairman of Urban Renewal that the library Board wishes to retain its present location for the library. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dudley. Motion carried.

It was pointed out by the librarian that the library is in very grave need for additional space. The Chairman reported that at the appropriate time plans for a county bond election for the library would be made.

Mrs. Mendenhall reported that she and Miss Maret represented Chairman Wilson at a meeting of the Georgia Citizens Library Committee held in Atlanta on Friday, May 11 at the Heart of Atlanta Motel. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Executive Board of the state-wide committee.

Six members of the Board paid their membership fee and joined the Citizens Library Committee. Joining were: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. James and Mrs. Neighbors.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

*Sarah E. Maret*  
*Secretary*



December 13, 1962

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, December 13, 1962, at 5 p.m.

Present were: Troutman Wilson, Marvin Perry, W.W. Wier, Thomas H. Milner, Jr., Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors and Sarah Maret.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Wilson reported that he, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Mrs. Hussey Downs and Sarah Maret attended a Trustees Workshop and luncheon in Elberton on September 28, at the home of Mrs. J.W. Wiliford. He reported that a good meeting was held with Mrs. Raymond A. Young, president of the American Library Trustees Association in charge of the workshop. In one of the group meetings Mr. Wilson served as a discussion leader.

The Director distributed the library report for November to the members and called attention to the plans which are underway in Oglethorpe and Madison Counties to secure new library buildings. The Oglethorpe County Library Board is working to secure federal funds, while Madison County is cooperating with the Madison County American Legion to secure funds to add a new wing to the present building.

The Board discussed briefly the possibility of a bond issue for a new building in Clarke County.

The budget for 1963 was discussed. As no increases in salaries for staff members were provided for in the budget and as several staff members had asked for increases in salary, the chairman appointed a committee to study salaries in the budget. This committee was composed of Mr. Milner, chairman, Mr. Wier and Mr. Perry. Mrs. Neighbors moved that the committee be empowered to give raises in salaries if funds could be found to do so in the present framework of the budget. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Mendenhall. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Wier that the budget be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr. Neighbors. Motion carried. The committee appointed to study the budget from a salary standpoint agreed to meet at the National Bank of Athens on Tuesday morning, December 18 at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Mendenhall moved that a Christmas supplement be given to the staff, amounts to be as follows: \$25.00 for full-time employees and \$15.00 to part-time employees. The amount to be given to the hourly workers would be determined by the Chairman and the Director. Motion was seconded by Mr. Milner. Motion was carried.

Miss Maret reported that if some book shelves could be built in the back room of the Dunbar Branch Library, that a number of books shelved in the main library could be transferred there and thus relieve to some extent the crowded conditions in the main library. Mr. Wilson said he would ask the County Commissioners to build these shelves.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Wier, chairman, Mrs. Neighbors and Mr. Perry.

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The policy of having the library's checks counter-signed was discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that any action on this matter should be taken by the Regional Library Board rather than the Athens-Clarke County Board.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.

Daniel E. Trout  
Secretary